## **Guardianships and Protective Placement**

Guardianship is a relationship created by a court between an individual (called a "ward") who the court has determined to be incompetent and an individual or organization (called either the "guardian of the person," the "guardian of the estate," or both) who the court authorizes to make personal and medical decisions and/or financial decisions on behalf of the ward.

The court can also order a protective placement when it is necessary for the ward's safety and well being. The ward might be protectively placed in a supervised apartment, an assisted living situation, an adult family home, or a nursing home. The placement may be temporary.

For more information on Guardianships you can visit the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups at: <a href="http://www.cwag.org/legal/guardian-support/">http://www.cwag.org/legal/guardian-support/</a>